

COL. WATTERSON SOUGHT RYAN'S AID FOR WILSON

Appeal for Campaign Funds Is Cause of Break.

HARVEY KNEW NOTHING OF IT

Kentucky Editor Gives Out Correspondence With Senator Tillman, Which Throws New Light on Governor's Dismissal of Harper's Weekly From His Support.

Washington, D. C., January 26.—Interest in the controversy between Woodrow Wilson and Colonel George Harvey and Colonel Henry Watterston over Mr. Wilson's aspirations for the Democratic presidential nomination was revived to-night, when Colonel Watterston

had passed between himself and Senator Benjamin R. Tillman, of South Carolina, yesterday and to-day. The correspondence, in which the name of Thomas F. Ryan, of New York, figures follows:

"Washington, D. C., January 25, 1912.

"My Dear Sir,—Referring to the so-called 'Harvey-Watterson incident,' and you quoted by the

"I had given Henry Watterson credit for more sense than to try to foist a story like this with the material facts concealed." The man who made a public statement with 'the material facts concealed' is little other than scoundrel. I have the right, therefore to demand of you upon what warlike or authority you make this serious a

"With great respect,
 "HENRY WATTERSON.
 "Hon. B. R. Tillman."
 A "Presidential Groomer."
 "United States Senate.
 "Washington, D. C., January 26, 1912.
 "My Dear Sir,—In your note of Ja

"You demand to know, 'upon what warrant of authority you speak the charge that I have given Henry Watterson credit for more sense than to try to foist off a story like this with the material facts concealed.'"

"In your statement to the press described in detail the rupture between Governor Wilson and Colonel Harvey, but said nothing as to who caused it. All the leading papers of the country seem to know why Governor Wilson severed relations with Colonel Harvey and you as a leading newspaper man and self-confessed

bert groomer of presidential candidates must have known it at the time your statement was published. I very properly concluded that you knew the reasons for the rupture, and when you made public the manner in which it occurred without giving the causes you were unquestionably concealing the material facts.

"Very respectfully yours,

"Colonel Henry Watterson,
Washington, D. C."
Scene of Party Duty.
Washington, D. C., January 26, 1912.
My Dear Sir:
"I have never pretended to be
groomer of presidential candidates, ex-
pert or otherwise, but I desire your
good opinion and wrote with that
well as the truth of this matter."

"I am with you, Senator. In wishing a Democrat and not a pseudo Republican for our presidential nominee, I was no less from a sense of patriotism than of justice as between man and man that I made the statement which—upon a total misapprehension of the facts—you take exception. "I have been aware for nearly

week that recognized spokesmen for Governor Wilson were industriously circulating the story that the reason why Governor Wilson brooded with Colonel Harvey was that Colonel Harvey had tried to bring Mr. Thomas E. Ryan into the Governor's campaign. But, until you gave credence to the story, it could not be invested with any responsible authority. Its origin was mysterious, its circulation superfluous. Consequently there was

"Now, Senator, I know, of my own knowledge, that that story is a lie made out of whole cloth. If any person ventures to question this assertion, I have in my possession proof conclusive which I hold myself ready to place before your honest and truth-seeking mind."

Does Not Accuse Wilson.
"I do not accuse Governor Wilson of imitating or propagating the

I do not assume that he is aware of the dastardly work being done by his alleged agents, but the fact remains that Governor Wilson knows as well as I do that the story is false. I may or may not, feel that he owes any obligation to Colonel Harvey. This is a matter of which he must be the judge. But I do insist that he owe

"At Governor Wilson's instance I have undertaken to assist his accredited managers in raising the considerable sums of money needful to the prosecution of his campaign, and in this my efforts were not wholly unfruitful. As the business proceeded the name of Thomas F. Ryan got unnaturally com-

into my mind. He is a Democrat. He is a Virginian. He is my friend. Knowing him to be a disinterested man, having no axe to grind, I hoped that I might induce him to help in what I believed a worthy cause. Governor Wilson's managers were delighted with the suggestion. Colonel Harvey had nothing whatever to do